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SUBJECT: AVRAM VISIT

REF: BUCHAREST 1441, 1227, 1478

- 1. AVRAM WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR VERY BRIEF VISIT ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 17. FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED: EXIMBANK FIRST VICE PRESIDENT SAUER; COMMERCE ASSISTANT SECRETARY DOBBIN; STR AMBASSADOR (FORMER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE) DENT; OPIC PRESIDENT MAYS. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH EXIMBANK PRESIDENT CASEY OR ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TABOR SINCE NEITHER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 17. ROMANIAN EMBASSY ATTEMPTED TO CONVINCE AVRAM TO PROLONG VISIT TO PERMIT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED APRIL 18 STOP IN WASHINGTON, BUT AVRAM MUST RETURN TO BUCHAREST ON 18TH.
- 2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT BUCHAREST 1478 DEPARTMENT OFFICER SPOKE WITH HOROTAN OF ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBASSADOR BOGDAN, BOTH OF WHOM BELIEVE THERE IS NOT

SUFFICIENT TIME TO SCHEDULE TALKS WITH GM OR FORD. COMMERCE CONTACTED GM AND FORD. NEITHER FIRM EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING THESE PROPOSALS WITH AVRAM AT THIS TIME. WE NOTE THAT GM HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS IDEA WITH THEN-MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION DRAGANESCU

DURING HIS MAY 1973 VISIT.

3. WE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT FOR AVRAM WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON BUT HE WILL NOT BE IN TOWN. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN SO INFORMED. KISSINGER

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